STATEMENT LAID ON THE TABLE.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Sir, under Rule 52 of the Legislative Council Rules, I beg to place on the table the following statement of expenditure authorised by Government under Section 16 (9) of the Legislative Council Regulation, II of 1097.

Demand No.	Amount Rs.	Remarks.
IX. Administration of Justice.	150	On account of the establishment of a Second Class Bench Magistrate's Court at Padmanabhapuram and the consequent appointment of a full-time copyist.
XX. Buildings, Communications and Miscellaneous Public Improvements.	3,700	On account of the expenditure in connection with the Workshops Committee.

DEMANDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS.

DEMAND I—LAND REVENUE.

MR. S. C. H. ROBINSON (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Sir, I beg to move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 5,480 under Land Acquisition charges, under the head I.C.-Taluk Cutcherries. small amount is wanted to acquire a piece of land which projects into the Taluk Cutcherry compound at Shencottah. It is a piece of private land and I have got a sketch showing the compound which can be looked into in case anybody wants to see it. The matter was under correspondence for a very long time. In his inspection notes dated 9th June, 1919, the late Dewan, Mr. Krishnan Nair, observed as follows :

"There is a small plot of private land projecting into the Shencottah Taluk Cutcherry compound. It is not desirable to leave it in private hands as the Treasury is located in the Taluk Cutcherry. This piece of land should be acquired and added on to the Cutcherry compound. The Peishkar will be asked to submit proposals regarding it."

The Dewan Peishkar, Quilon, who was accordingly addressed in the matter wrote to say that the land in question measures 39 cents (Survey No. 113/8) and that Rs. 20 per cent would be a reasonable price for it, regard being had to the sales in the neighbourhood in recent years. It was also reported that there is an old building (abandoned coffee store) on the land. The Division Officer, Quilon, has estimated the value of the building at Rs. 4,699. The total value of the site thus comes to Rs. 5,479. There is no provision under "Land Acquisition charges" in I. C.—Taluk Cutcherries, nor is it possible to find this sum by diversion from other items. A supplementary grant of Rs. 5,480 may therefore be allowed under the above item.

I have also seen the place. The acquisition is very necessary. The private building which is inside the Taluk Cutcherry compound is a positive nuisance and a source of danger.

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